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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
08 AT SEATTLE

09 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
10 Plaintiff,)
11 v.) Case No. CR06-199-RSM-JPD
12 SURINDER SINGH SOHAL,) DETENTION ORDER
13 Defendant.)
14 _____)

15 Offenses charged:

16 Count 1: Conspiracy to Smuggle, Transport, and Harbor Illegal Aliens in violation of
17 of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(i), 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I),
18 and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i).

19 Counts 2 through 8: Bringing an Illegal Alien for Financial Gain in violation of 8
U.S.C. § 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

20 Counts 9 through 16: Smuggling of an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§
21 1324(a)(1)(A)(i), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324(A)(1)(B)(i),

22 Counts 17 through 23: Transporting an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§
23 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324 (a)(1)(B)(i).

24 Counts 24 through 30: Harboring an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§
25 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i).

01 Detention Hearing: June 16, 2006.

02 The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and
03 based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth,
04 finds the following:

05 **FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

06 (1) The defendant is charged in thirty (30) counts. Seven (7) of the counts carry
07 mandatory three-year-minimum sentences, which can be stacked, providing strong incentive
08 to flee.

09 (2) The defendant retains strong family ties to India, and is alleged to be part of an
10 alien-smuggling ring with strong connections throughout Canada, providing incentive to flee
11 to Canada or to India, rather than facing the pending charges.

12 (3) Based on the proffer by the government, the defendant was stopped in
13 Wyoming while transporting illegal aliens, yet continued with the same conduct for which he
14 is presently charged.

15 (4) Based on the proffer by the government, the defendant attempted to sexually
16 assault women who were the subjects of the alleged alien-smuggling ring. This conduct
17 poses a danger not only to the community, but to potential witnesses as well.

18 (5) There appear to be no conditions or combination of conditions other than
19 detention that will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings or
20 the safety of the community.

21 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

22 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody
23 of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility
24 separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving
25 sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

26 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private

01 consultation with counsel;

- 02 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for
03 the government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in
04 which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United
05 States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a
06 court proceeding; and
07 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United
08 States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and
09 to the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

10 DATED this 19th day of June, 2006.

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12 JAMES P. DONOHUE
13 United States Magistrate Judge